

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND THE KYVU

**AGENDA ITEM G-6
May 21, 2001**

At the March 2001 meeting, the Academic Affairs Committee requested information on public institutions' use of the Kentucky Virtual University to offer new academic programs. The staffs of the council and virtual university asked the universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System about use of the KYVU and other distance delivery technologies. A full report is planned for the July council meeting.

The Academic Affairs Committee also asked the staff to ensure that institutions include their plans for using the KYVU and other distance learning options when submitting new program proposals on the Kentucky Postsecondary Program Proposal System. Modifications in KPPPS are being made. Specifically, institutions will be required to indicate their plans for using the KYVU or other distance learning technologies before the proposal can be posted for the 45-day review.

In addition, detailed information about plans for distance delivery will be required when an institution submits a program proposal for council review or when an institution notifies the council staff that a program not requiring full council review has been approved by its board and is ready for implementation. The chief academic officers will review these modifications to the existing program proposal formats.

At the committee's request, a report by Northern Kentucky University about use of distance learning in its master of arts in teaching program is attached. A representative from NKU will be present to respond to questions.

Also at the committee's request, a report on the use of the KYVU and distance learning technologies by the collaborative masters in education administration programs will be given. Dr. John Strobe from the University of Louisville's School of Education will present the report and respond to questions.

Other KPPPS Changes

At the request of the Committee on Equal Opportunities, KPPPS is being modified to include an institution's Equal Educational Opportunities status when the institution initiates a new proposal for submission for the 45-day review. When appropriate, the KPPPS system will display information notifying an institution that a waiver is required for approval of the proposed program.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
Masters of Arts in Teaching and the Kentucky Virtual University

The Masters of Arts in Teaching program features a variety of instructional formats. Students in the program will become knowledgeable about theory and practical applications in classroom settings. They will be learning in on-site activities as much as possible, being taught and mentored by practitioners in their fields, teaching in P-12 classrooms, and as well as gaining an understanding of theory. In addition to this on-site activity, a great deal of the course work for this program will be more appropriately presented face-to-face between instructor and student.

There are good opportunities for features of this program to be delivered through collaboration with other institutions. As similar programs emerge across the commonwealth, we will work with our other universities to develop appropriate collaborative efforts.

In addition to these modes of instruction, there are a number of courses that are appropriate in electronic format and that we will develop for presentation on KYVU as Web-based courses. In particular, we cite the following:

EDMT 610	Foundations of American Schooling
EDMT 622	Cultural Identity
EDMT 632	Curriculum Design and Assessment
EDMT 641	Technology in Middle/Secondary Classrooms